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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph to the specifications with the following brief introduction to the title of invention:

COSMETIC-PLASTIC WINDOW COVERING FOR AUTOMOBILE

This invention is a folding replacement window having a plurality of elongate panels which are joined together along their elongate sides. It is primarily useful as a replacement window for the damaged or destroyed side or rear windows of an automobile.

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Please replace the bracketed portions in the brief description of the back ground of invention with the underlined portions as shown:

Back Ground of Invention:

While efforts have been made henceforth to provide an alternative to the high cost it takes to repair a broken side and/or [rear] rear automobile windows, this invention is intended to be very cost effective, for temporary use, stylish and fashionable. The idea was primarily to [invent] create something that would look more attractive and [natural than] natural—than using a plastic trash [bag] bag, or like plastic [material] material, or cardboard sections to cover-up a broken car [window, less messy and masking tape free, and to make a vehicle less vulnerable to burglary and theft.] window. To help make that last-minute, self-repair emergency effort solution, in order to cover a broken window to the car's side doors and window frames, less messy and masking tape free, and to make a vehicle less vulnerable to burglary and theft. [I too was once subject to having a problem with the electrical power unit to my vehicle. The power to my driver-side window would not and as a result, I could not raise my window. Because I could not afford to pay the high cost of getting the electrical problem fixed, I was left with no other alternative but to cover my driver-side window with the dreaded plastic trash bag and the use of a lot of masking tape.]

[Now with my new invention—people that will experience problems with a broken or electrical malfunctions with their automobile's side-door windows or rear window, can enjoy the use of a lightweight, portable, temporary and reusable plastic window covering. The reason I call it the Cosmetic-Plastic Window Covering for Automobile is because it can also be used for style, fashion and privacy. With this new product, you also have the option and convenience of using tented color plastic coverings for privacy and style. At anytime of the season or for any personal reason, you can be fashionable, but more importantly, safe and just as secure as having your original window in place. My new product can easily be used on practically all makes and models of the

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various types of automobiles—it can also be used on pick-up trucks and sports utility vehicles (SUV).]

The related art in this invention includes, basically, the pertinent references cited by the examiner. For example, Eskandry, shows primarily a sunshade that blocks the rays of the sun. Then there is Garrett, who indicates in the prior art that even though it is a temporary windshield—it contains a series of parallel transfer aluminum reinforcing rods to support the plastic sheet that covers the opening of the windshield frame. Then there is Ames, inventor of the plastic replacement windows for automobile, whose apparatus covers the entire door frame around the opening of a broken window. Then there is Vargas, inventor of the temporary window, this material consist of two superimposed layers of flexible transparent polymeric film adapted to cover and extend beyond the opening of the window. Then there is McDonald, whose invention does not serve the same purpose that the cosmetic-plastic window covering for automobile serves.

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Brief Summary of the Invention:

[Research of issued patents, literature, and products available on the market have not been found, at this time. However, there is an existing patent, U.S. Pat. No. 4,653,562, called the "Automotive Window Safety Guard." Then there is the existence of a patent, U.S. Pat. No. 3,923,339, it is called the "Quick Attached Transparent Armor Windows." While numerous window screens or covers of various designs are available in the market place, a need for improvements still exist. Although these patents have similar titles and meanings to my product, I will prove through my drawings and detailed explanations how unique my idea, and how different my idea is from other patents.]

The cosmetic-plastic window covering for automobile is designed to give the appearance of an original side, or in some cases, a rear automobile window that has been broken-out or can no longer raise up from inside the door panel. It is transparent—similar to an original automobile side door or rear window and it has an added feature that makes it a more practical item to use instead of immediately buying a new window. The cosmetic-plastic window covering for automobile is made from a durable transparent plastic sheet of material, shaped and trimmed to fit the side-door window frame and on some cars, it can replace a rear window as well. It is lightweight and foldable—like an accordion and it is easy to install. The durable transparent plastic sheet is separated into six or more equally measured sections, depending on the length of the car's side-door frame and shape. Thus, the plastic sheets of material are bonded together on opposite sides of each section using a 2-inch wide heavy-duty transparent adhesive tape, which allows for the cosmetic-plastic window covering to be the most practical solution to temporarily dealing with burden of repairing or replacing a side-door or rear window.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING[:]

The invention for which I would like to give a detailed description of will be more completely understood by reference to the explanation hereto when read in connection with the attached drawings, and wherein:

Fig. 1 is a [perspective wide] side view of a vehicle's side-door and panel with a sample of the invention installed. [Fig. 1A thereof;]

Fig. 2 is an enlarged sample of the fully extended invention [without installation. With this drawing, I wish to show the invention's durability, flexibility and easy handling ability; and] uninstalled showing the shaded image of the 2 inch-wide transparent adhesive tape that binds the parts of the transparent plastic together, in order to make it durable and hard to rip, crack or brake apart;

Fig. 3 is a [sample] view of the way in which the [C]cosmetic-[P]plastic [W]window [C]covering for [A]automobile is made and designed, to show how it can be folded. [, unfolded and stored away, while]

Fig. 4 is a [perspective narrow] view of a vehicle's side-door frame showing the position and setting of the invention [(Fig.4A)] between the door panel and window frame.

Fig. 5 is an end view of the cosmetic-plastic window covering for automobile—showing how the replacement window can be folded away for storage.

Fig. 6 is a view of an automobile's front driver-side door frame—showing a depiction of the cosmetic-plastic window covering for automobile being manually installed.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION[:]

Reference is now made to the drawing figures showing the practicality and convenience of a using a temporary cosmetic-plastic replacement window, shown in Fig. 1. The window covering is made up of a durable, transparent and impact-resistant plastic [that under normal use has a 5-year warranty policy or a like material, described as a super strong, Plexiglas type of acrylic type of plastic], shown in Fig. 1, showing the shape and how it is inserted into the door frame of the automobile. Actually, the [C]cosmetic-[P]plastic [W]window [C]covering for [A]automobile is designed, cut and shaped to fit firmly and securely in the [door-frame] side-door window frame of [a] the car. The impact-resistant plastic, or like plastic material has a thickness or a width equal to [2/10 to 3/10 centimeters] a standard size manufactured automobile window. The rear view, in Fig. 4, gives a depiction of how thick cosmetic-plastic window covering for automobile must be, in compared to a manufactured automobile window, in order to fit snug and secure in the car's door frame. The standard car door window's shape and size and dimensions are ideal for a perfect fit for my [C]cosmetic-[P]plastic [W]window [C]covering.

[The standard size of an automobile side-door front window is approximately sixteen to eighteen inches in height]. Therefore, to make the [C]cosmetic-[P]plastic [W]window [C]covering fit the front side-door window frame, I have designed and constructed a substitute that will consist of combining a minimum of six (6) sets, panel 1 in Fig. 1 through 3, 5 and 6, of a durable, impact-resistant transparent plastic material sheets[, or a plexiglass material]. The six (6) or more plastic sheets of material, panel 1 in Fig. 1 through 3, 5 and 6, will be connected together, with the use of an extra strength transparent two-inch wide tape, 2 in Fig. 1 through 3, 5 and 6. Once each plastic

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set of material is bond together, by the transparent tape, on each opposite sides, it will form the size and shape of a standard size automobile's front side-door window frame.

The idea of creating this cosmetic-plastic window covering was to make a product that could be used temporarily on an automobile and it could be reusable, lightweight and easy to fold and stored away—until someone chooses to use it again. The minimum of six (6) sets, panel 1 in Fig. 1 through 3 and 5 and 6 of plastic sheets material [or plexiglass materials are measured individually at a maximum of eight-inches in length, while the vertical dimensions can reach as high as twenty-two inches, for a standard size automobile]. Even though [my] the primary aim, in creating the transparent, cosmetic-plastic replacement window covering for automobile, was to make something that could replace the broken window or malfunctioned window, normally found on either side of the front side-door window frames—my design can work on all other automobile's side door window frames, and some car's rear window frame. The cosmetic-plastic replacement window covering for automobile can be secured, with reinforcement, with the use of the hook and loop material, 3 in Fig. 5, attached to it and inside door frame to an automobile.